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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

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A FLEXIBLE SUPPORT MEMBER (as amended)

Sir:

In response to the June 23, 2006 Office Action, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 26 of the present Amendment.